WHAT TO BRING

Below is information regarding what you should bring for the SPLASH cruise. In general, pack as light as you can. Accommodations are relatively small and space is limited. But here is a list of some things to bring:

Spare eyeglasses and/or contacts; your eyeglass prescription; Polarized sunglasses and a spare pair

Prescription, as well as non-prescription medications that you use frequently (the ship will have some of these, but quantities are limited and chances to restock are few)

Hat for the sun and sunscreen (even though most of the weather will be cloudy, you never know)

Cassettes & CD's - Music is played on the flying bridge when things are slow. We quickly get to the point of having heard the 'same old thing,' so bring as many as you have room for.

Robe - for travel to and from showers

Film - If you bring your own camera, bring enough film for four months - film will probably be available in the small city port calls but it could be expensive. Bring an extra camera battery, too.

Batteries - For alarm clocks, watches, walkmans, etc.

Closed-toe shoes - Required throughout the ship, except in your room or in the shower.

Warm clothing - It will be cold and getting colder throughout most of the cruise – colder than you think. Bring long pants, a warm pull-over, a windbreaker, socks, and gloves and a hat. Long sleeves, long pants and a hat are required for abandon ship drills as well.

Foul weather jacket and pants for rainy days and small boat work. Some form of rain gear is required, but not necessarily rain slicks (since we cannot work in heavy rain).

Dry Bags (for carrying gear in small boats)

Rubber boots are a good idea if you expect to go out frequently on small boats. Mustang suits will be provided for small boat operations.

U.S. stamps - for sending mail (mail will be sent out every port call).

As you make your travel plans, scientists working the final leg of the cruise need to keep in mind that there will be a day of debriefing and personnel administrative tasks which are scheduled for 4 November at the ship.